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NEW YORK REDISTRICTING ROUNDTABLE UPDATE

IRC Upcoming Hearings and Summaries

The New York State Independent Redistricting Commission (IRC) series of public hearings is still underway. The NY Census and Redistricting Institute is providing summaries of the hearings each week. Summaries for the Southern Tier, Syracuse, and North Country hearings are attached. The remaining dates and locations include:

November 15 - Richmond County
November 16 - Kings County
November 17 - Queens County
November 22 - Nassau County
November 23 - Suffolk County

For exact locations and to register to testify, please go to
https://nyirc.gov/meetings#testify-in-person

The Election is Finally Over. What's Next and How Did Three Ballot Proposals Fail?

A recent article in The City discusses the November 2 election results. The article discusses the ballot proposal results. For more information please visit: https://www.thecity.nyc/platform/amp/civic-newsroom/2021/11/9/22773074/the-election-is-finally-over-whats-next-and-how-did-three-ballot-proposals-fail.

Governor Hochul Considering Bill Requiring IRC to Send Plans to the Legislature

Governor Hochul is considering approving legislation (S.7150/A.7948 to require the Independent Redistricting Commission to submit to the legislature all draft and completed redistricting plans in the event the commission does not vote on any plan or plans.

University of Buffalo School of Law Class Attempts to Make the Electoral Map Work For Everyone

SUNY Buffalo Law School students taking Legislative Redistricting, a fall seminar taught by adjunct instructor Frank Housh, have taken on the challenge drawing maps. The team designed distrcts that were to be compact, preserved existing boundaries, and maintained concentrations of racial minorities. A team member presented these goals on October 20 at the IRC's Buffalo public hearing. For more information

please visit: https://www.law.buffalo.edu/links/2021-November/electoral-map.html?fbclid=lwAR1dLliQF27LT3qjT3enydnODZ6nZAoruOZ3wqf-fxe24LATP62ocb9RS9A.

Defeated With Prop 1: Fixing New York's Prison Gerrymandering Problem

The defeat of the Redistricting Changes Amendment keeps prison gerrymandering in place for the state's Congressional maps since incarcerated persons will only be reallocated for assembly and senate redistricting. According to New York Law School's Jeff Wice, the legislature would need to enact legislation to add congressional districts to the reallocation law that already allows this process for the Assembly and Senate. For more information please visit: https://therivernewsroom.com/prison-gerrymandering-new-york-prop-1/.

Redistricting Data Hub Upcoming Trainings

The Redistricting Data Hub provides trainings on how to get involved using the data that the Redistricting Data Hub hosts, how to participate and access resources, and provides demonstrations on mapping tools that use data to draw Community of Interest and District Maps. There is an upcoming training session on Racially Polarized Voting (RPV) on November 16 at 1 pm, a Data Sets and Analysis RPV training on Novmber 30 at 1 pm, and an issues with and guidance for using RPV data on December 6 at 1 pm. For more information please visit: https://redistrictingdatahub.org/engage/training/.

Split 7 Ways, Immigrant Neighborhood Seeks to Unify Its Political Power

A recent article in the New York Times highlights the splitting of south Queens into seven state Assembly districts. The article looks at the political landscape and communities of Ozone Park and Richmond Hill. For more information please visit: https://www.nytimes.com/2021/11/10/nyregion/redistricting-queens-asians-nyc.html.

Public Mapping Project Now Underway

The deadline for submissions for the Public Mapping Project is **November 24**.

To participate please visit: https://app.districtbuilder.org/o/nyls

If you have any questions, please email Marissa Zanfardino at marissa.zanfardino@law.nyls.edu

Online Redistricting Resources

The Digital Commons at New York Law School will provide all redistricting publications by Jeff Wice and other members of the New York Census and Redistricting Institute. Access the digital commons here: https://digitalcommons.nyls.edu/ny-census-and-redistricting-institute/
Redistricting Online and its partners believe that redistricting information from all 50 states (including law, data, news, policy, and research) should be easily accessible. In collaboration with the National Conference

of State Legislatures (NCSL) and New York Law School, we have created this nonpartisan, multimedia, knowledge hub to give redistricting a trusted, permanent home on the web. Access the website here: https://redistrictingonline.org/

New York Census Data and Tools

CUNY Mapping Center New York Tool: The Mapping Service at the CUNY Graduate Center has launched a New York-specific version of its "Redistricting & You" online map, making it easy to compare proposed Independent Redistricting Commission proposed districts with existing lines. The map displays the "Names" and "Letters" district plans from the Commission compared with current congressional, state senate, and assembly districts. The map is fully interactive. https://newyork.redistrictingandyou.org/

Redistricting Data Hub has new trainings, resources, news, and the state population change charts. You can access the website here: https://redistrictingdatahub.org/?gclid=Cj0KCQjwtrSLBhCLARIsACh6Rmhgic5YhW2i6d-NMevsRxe4E6Hf7geOlsOLCyX13-ERl9HWIBJuH_0aAsxZEALw_wcB

American Statistical Association released a Task Force Report on 2020 Census Analysis and Quality Indicators. You can access the report here: https://www.amstat.org/asa/files/pdfs/POL-CQI-Task-Force-final-report.pdf

Redistricting Primer and Informational Webinars

Please contact Jeff Wice (by reply email) if you would like to schedule an informational webinar on the state's redistricting process. A copy of the N.Y. Census & Redistricting Institute's basic primer on how New York redistricts can be accessed and downloaded here: https://www.nyls.edu/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/NYCRI-Redistricting-Primer-PDF-0521-v1r6-locked.pdf